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TO DIRECTOR FIVE TWO SIXTY ONE CAPTIONED QUOTE ALPHA CROFIRISI ITSA IS-
CUBA QUOTE. ON THE MORNING OF FIVE TWO SIXTY ONE A REPRESENTATIVE OF UN-
ITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL UPI AT MIAMI INFORMED THAT THE NEW YORK JOURNAL
AMERICAN WAS PUBLISHING A STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT A SOURCE IN THE
QUOTE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA QUOTE AT MIAMI HAD DESCRIBED THE INDIVI-
DUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIGHJACKING OF THE NATIONAL AIR LINES NAL
PLANE AS AN AGENT OF FIDEL CASTRO. FURTHER THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD
NOTIFIED THE CASTRO REVOLUTIONARY FORCES REGARDING THE INVASION PLANS
OF THE RECENT INVASION OF CUBA FOUR SEVENTEEN SIXTY ONE WHICH BECAME
KNOWN TO ANTI-CASTRO PEOPLE IN MIAMI. THE STORY RELATED THAT THIS IND-
IVIDUAL HAS BEEN IN HIDING AND USED THIS MEANS IN ORDER TO GET BACK TO
CUBA. ALBERTO FERNANDEZ CASAS, HECTOR FEBLES, AND LUIS VEGA MORENO, RE-
PRESENTATIVES OF QUOTE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA QUOTE, UR EACH ADVISED THEY
HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE ALLEGATION. EACH
OF THESE INDIVIDUALS FURTHER ADVISED THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION,

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NOR DID THEY KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE HIGHJACKER AND HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE NEWSPAPERS OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION. UR IS AN ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATION IN CUBA WITH ONLY FOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES. ON FIVE TWO SIXTY ONE AM MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S WHO IS KNOWN PUBLICLY AS A FORMER OFFICIAL OF THE BASTISTA GOVERNMENT ADVISED HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM DAN BRITTON NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN NEWSPAPERMAN , NEW YORK CITY ABOUT ONE THIRTY AM FIVE TWO SIXTY ONE. INFORMANT EXPLAINED THE JOURNALIST MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING THE NAL PLANE HIGHJACKED ON FIVE ONE SIXTY ONE. HE STATED BRITTON WAS WONDERING IF THE HIGHJACKER WAS A CASTRO AGENT WHO MIGHT HAVE INFORMED CASTRO REGARDING THE PLANS OF THE ILL-FATED INVASION OF CUBA FOUR SEVENTEEN SIXTY ONE. BRITTON ACCORDING THE INFORMANT WAS LOOKING FOR A NEWS STORY. MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S ADVISED HE TOLD BRITTON HE BELIEVED IT WAS POSSIBLE THE NAL PLANE WAS HIGHJACKED BECAUSE THE MAN WANTED TO GO TO CUBA FOR THE MAY DAY CELEBRATION IN HAVANA AND HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT. THE INFORMANT SAID THERE WERE NO COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO CUBA

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FROM THE MIAMI AREA ON FIVE ONE SIXTY ONE AND THAT CUBANS NEEDED PERMISSION FROM INS OR THE U S DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN ORDER TO TRAVEL TO CUBA. THE INFORMANT AGREED WITH BRITTON THAT THIS OF COURSE COULD BE A POSSIBILITY BUT HAD NO INFORMATION THAT WAS ACTUALLY TRUE. MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S STATED HE DID NOT MENTION UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA. HE ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF HIGHJACKER HOWEVER, WOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN HIS IDENTITY THROUGH SOURCES AVAILABLE TO HIM IN THE U. S. AND INSIDE CUBA. BASED UPON THE ABOVE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE QUOTE JOURNAL AMERICAN QUOTE STORY IS MERE SPECULATION ON THE PART OF SOME REPORTER PROBABLY BRITTON. TO CONFIRM THIS BELIEF IT IS RECOMMENDED THE BUREAU AUTHORIZE NEW YORK TO ENDEAVOR THROUGH ANY CONTACTS IT MIGHT HAVE WITH THE JOURNAL AMERICAN OR FOR MIAMI TO INTERVIEW BRITTON IF HE CAN BE LOCATED IN THIS AREA TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF THE STORY. FOR INFO NEW YORK SUBJECT PURCHASED FOR CASH ONE WAY TICKET FROM MIAMI TO KEY WEST FLORIDA MAY ONE LAST UNDER NAME ELPIR COFRESI AT SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE OF NAL FLIGHT THREE THREE SEVEN.